HE'S...
NOT...
DEAD YET!
.....
FLINCH
YOU TWO OVER THERE, COME AND HELP ME.
YES, SIR.

DR. LORENCINI. I WILL INFORM THE SHELTER DEFENSE HEADQUARTERS OF THE SITUATION, PLEASE RETURN TO THERE FOR NOW.
IT'S SAFER THAT WAY.
WE'LL DISCUSS THE MATTER REGARDING YOUR SON, AND THE IMPROVEMENT OF THE JAMMER LATER.

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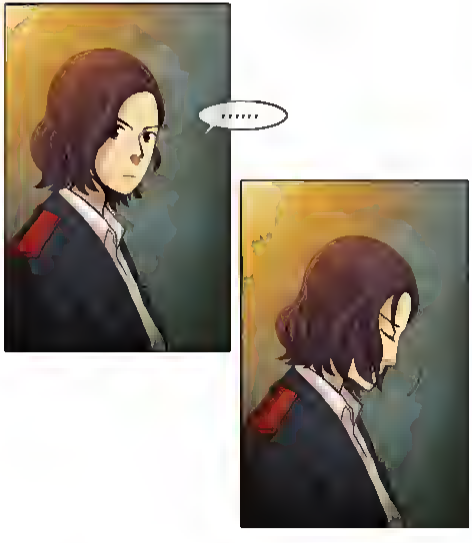
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I'LL DRIVE THE AMBULANCE MYSELF
I WON'T NEED ANY MEDICS OR ANY ARMED ESCORTS.
TEHP-!
PLEASE FOLLOW THE CHAIN OF COMMAND AND WRAP THIS SITUATION UP WHILE I'M GONE

THAT IS ALL.
PHEW-
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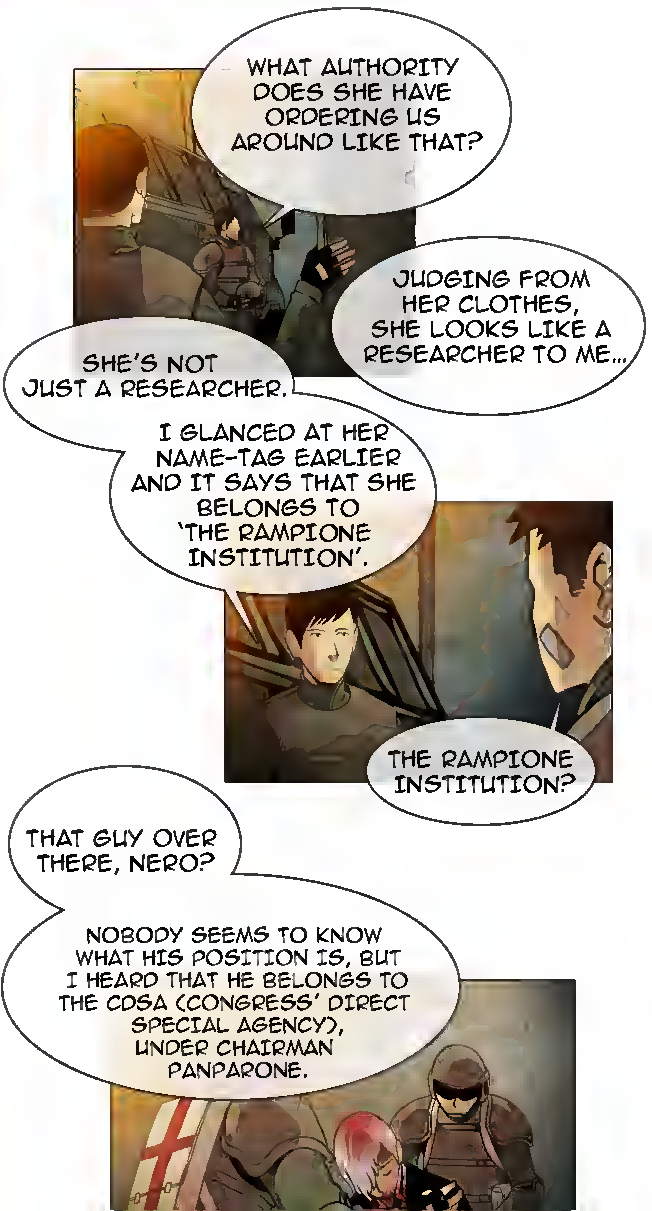
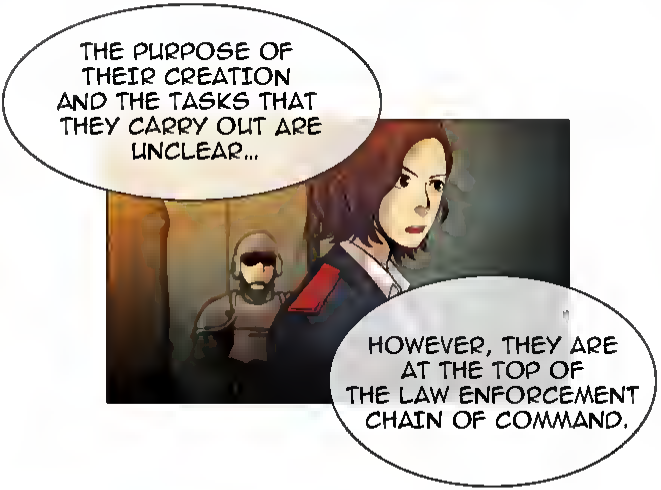
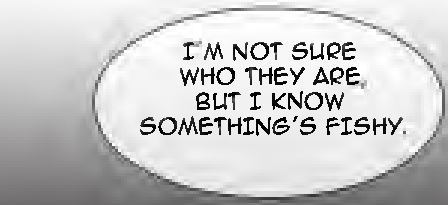

WHAT AUTHORITY DOES SHE HAVE ORDERING US AROUND LIKE THAT?
JUDGING FROM HER CLOTHES, SHE LOOKS LIKE A RESEARCHER TO ME...
SHE'S NOT JUST A RESEARCHER.
I GLANCED AT HER NAME-TAG EARLIER AND IT SAYS THAT SHE BELONGS TO 'THE RAMPIONE INSTITUTION'.
THE RAMPIONE INSTITUTION?
THAT GUY OVER THERE, NERO?
NOBODY SEEMS TO KNOW WHAT HIS POSITION IS, BUT I HEARD THAT HE BELONGS TO THE CDSA (CONGRESS' DIRECT SPECIAL AGENCY), UNDER CHAIRMAN PANPARONE.

THAT'S THE RAMPIONE INSTITUTION.


THE PURPOSE OF THEIR CREATION AND THE TASKS THAT THEY CARRY OUT ARE UNCLEAR...
HOWEVER, THEY ARE AT THE TOP OF THE LAW ENFORCEMENT CHAIN OF COMMAND.

HMMM...



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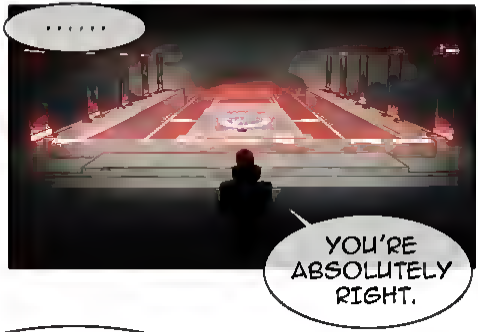
THIS ISN'T GONNA WORK...

THERE IS A LIMIT TO HOW FAR WE CAN RETRIEVE THE SITUATION BY CONTROLLING THE MEDIA THROUGH 'FLORENCE 7'.
NOT ONLY DID THE ANDROID BREAK IN FROM THE OUTSIDE, BUT HE KIDNAPPED A CIVILIAN CHILD...
EVEN THOUGH WE COVERED UP THE EXPLOSIONS AT THE ENERGY STORAGE AREA IN SECTOR F 8, THIS ISN'T GOING TO GET ANY BETTER IF THESE INCIDENTS KEEP HAPPENING.

WE SHOULD HAVE EXPECTED THAT ANDROIDS WHO RAN AWAY WOULD ALSO BE AWARE OF THE EXISTENCE OF OUR INHERITANCE...
SHOULDN'T THE RAMPIONE INSTITUTION HAVE DONE MORE?
WARN
F-7
ACCORDING TO THE REPORT, IT'S BEEN CONFIRMED THAT THE ANDROID BROKE IN BY SMASHING UP THE OUTER WALL TURBINE.
IT'S TRUE THAT WE'RE VULNERABLE TO BREAK-INS BECAUSE WE CAN'T LEAVE THE JAMMERS ACTIVATED 24 HOURS A DAY THROUGHOUT THE ENTIRE SHELTER.
THIS KIND OF INCIDENT CANNOT HAPPEN AGAIN.

WE DON'T WANT TO RUIN OUR REPUTATION! WE'VE ALREADY DECLARED THE CEASEFIRE...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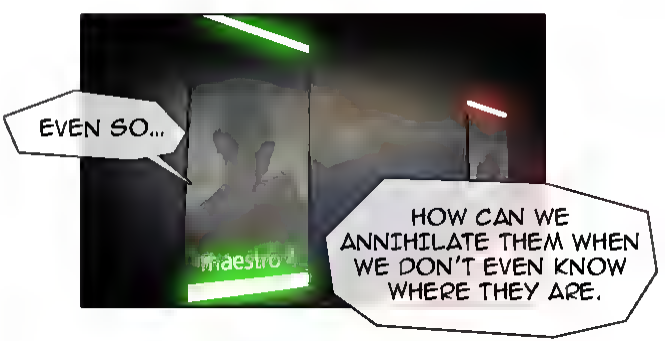
YOU'RE ABSOLUTELY RIGHT.

REPUTATION AND IMPRESSIONS ARE IMPORTANT FACTORS TO POLITICIANS.
WE NEED TO SHOW THE PUBLIC WHAT IT WANTS TO SEE.

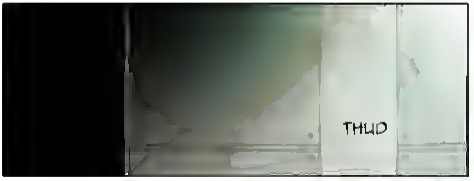
THEY SAY THAT THE BEST DEFENSE IS A GOOD ATTACK.
IT'S TIME FOR US TO ANNIHILATE THE ANDROIDS WHO ESCAPED THE SHELTER.


EVEN SO...
Maestro
HOW CAN WE ANNIHILATE THEM WHEN WE DON'T EVEN KNOW WHERE THEY ARE.

NOW THAT WE HAVE THAT GENIUS SCIENTIST BACK, HE MUST BE SET TO FINDING THEM NO MATTER WHAT.
LORENCINI CARLO.
CLENCH

HE WILL
FIND THEM.

THUD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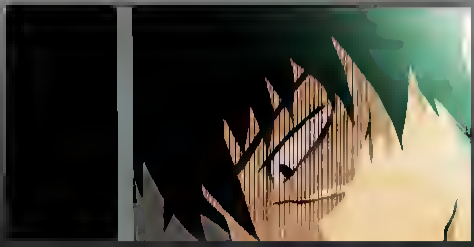
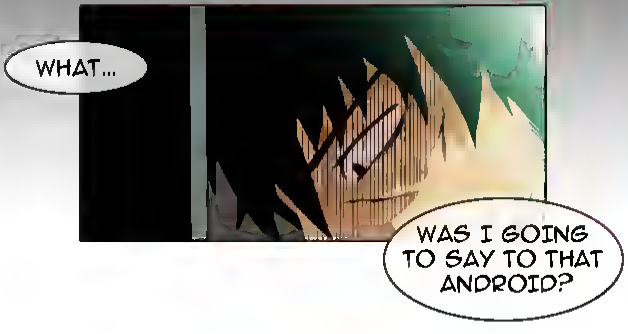
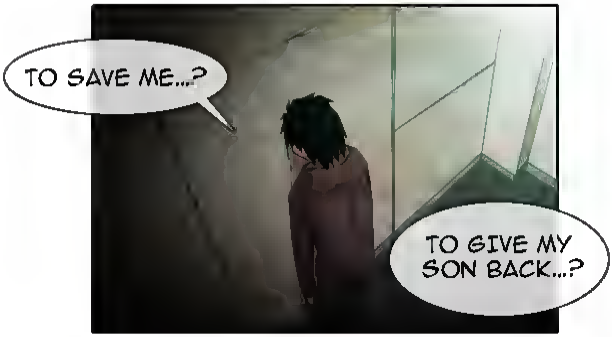


HONEY...! RUN AWAY!
AS LONG AS YOU ARE ALIVE THE JAMMER CAN BE COMPLETED
WITH THE JAMMER, WE CAN DESTROY THE ANDROIDS...!

WE'LL MEET AGAIN SOON. NOW THAT WE'VE FOUND YOU.
I'LL JUST BORROW YOUR SON FOR A WHILE. YOU TAKE CARE OF THAT PETTY LITTLE LIFE OF YOURS IN THE MEANTIME.


WHAT...
WAS I GOING TO SAY TO THAT ANDROID?


TO SAVE ME...?
TO GIVE MY SON BACK...?

IT WAS THE ANDROIDS...
GN SH

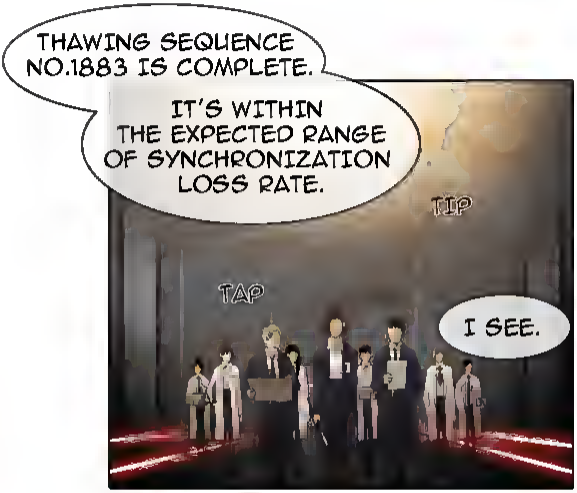
WHO TOOK MY WIFE'S LIFE AWAY!
AND NOW THEY'VE KIDNAPPED MY SON!
STILL, SHOULD I BEG THE ANDROIDS TO HELP ME...!?

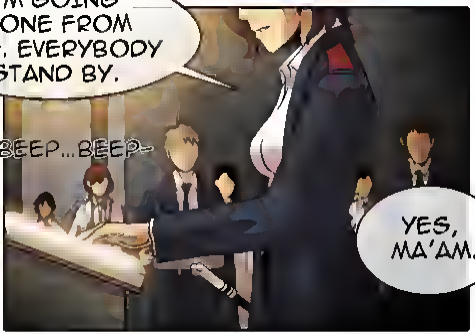
NOTHING'S CHANGED, EVEN WITH THE WAR OVER.
SSH-
HUMANITY...!
THUMP!
AND I...!!!

I AM STILL HELPLESS!!!

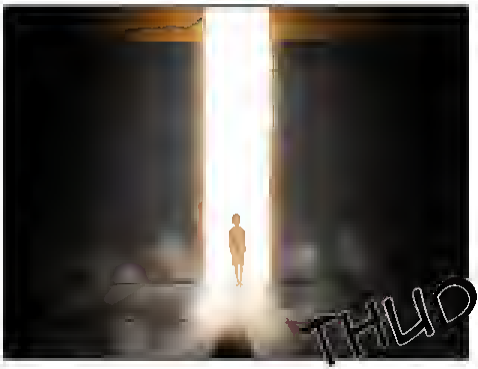
THAT'S WHAT WE'VE REPORTED...
GOOD JOB.

AND THE BODY?
WE'VE ALREADY INCINERATED IT.


THAWING SEQUENCE NO.1883 IS COMPLETE.
IT'S WITHIN THE EXPECTED RANGE OF SYNCHRONIZATION LOSS RATE.
TIP
TAP
I SEE.


I'M GOING ALONE FROM HERE. EVERYBODY STAND BY.
... BEEP...BEEP~
YES, MA'AM.

RUMBLE


THUD!

TZZT
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TELIP

NERO CORNELIO.
YOU CAN'T DIE.

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